

## § 361.84

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funds under this part. The evaluation standards assist the Secretary and each DSU to evaluate a DSU's performance in serving individuals with disabilities under the VR program.

(b) A DSU must achieve successful performance on both evaluation standards during each performance period.

(c) The evaluation standards for the VR program are—

(1) *Evaluation Standard 1—Employment outcomes.* A DSU must assist any eligible individual, including an individual with a significant disability, to obtain, maintain, or regain high-quality employment.

(2) *Evaluation Standard 2—Equal access to services.* A DSU must ensure that individuals from minority backgrounds have equal access to VR services.

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### § 361.84 Performance indicators.

(a) The performance indicators establish what constitutes minimum compliance with the evaluation standards.

(b) The performance indicators require a DSU to provide information on a variety of factors to enable the Secretary to measure compliance with the evaluation standards.

(c) The performance indicators are as follows:

(1) *Employment outcomes.*

(i) *Performance Indicator 1.1.* The number of individuals exiting the VR program who achieved an employment outcome during the current performance period compared to the number of individuals who exit the VR program after achieving an employment outcome during the previous performance period.

(ii) *Performance Indicator 1.2.* Of all individuals who exit the VR program after receiving services, the percentage who are determined to have achieved an employment outcome.

(iii) *Performance Indicator 1.3.* Of all individuals determined to have achieved an employment outcome, the percentage who exit the VR program in competitive, self-, or BEP employment with earnings equivalent to at least the minimum wage.

(iv) *Performance Indicator 1.4.* Of all individuals who exit the VR program in

competitive, self-, or BEP employment with earnings equivalent to at least the minimum wage, the percentage who are individuals with significant disabilities.

(v) *Performance Indicator 1.5.* The average hourly earnings of all individuals who exit the VR program in competitive, self-, or BEP employment with earnings levels equivalent to at least the minimum wage as a ratio to the State's average hourly earnings for all individuals in the State who are employed (as derived from the Bureau of Labor Statistics report "State Average Annual Pay" for the most recent available year).

(vi) *Performance Indicator 1.6.* Of all individuals who exit the VR program in competitive, self-, or BEP employment with earnings equivalent to at least the minimum wage, the difference between the percentage who report their own income as the largest single source of economic support at the time they exit the VR program and the percentage who report their own income as the largest single source of support at the time they apply for VR services.

(2) *Equal access to services—(i) Performance Indicator 2.1.* The service rate for all individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds as a ratio to the service rate for all non-minority individuals with disabilities.

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### § 361.86 Performance levels.

(a) *General.* (1) Paragraph (b) of this section establishes performance levels for—

(i) General or combined DSUs; and

(ii) DSUs serving exclusively individuals who are visually impaired or blind.

(2) The Secretary may establish, by regulations, new performance levels.

(b) *Performance levels for each performance indicator.* (1)(i) The performance levels for Performance Indicators 1.1 through 1.6 are—

| Performance indicator | Performance level by type of DSU             |        |
|-----------------------|--|--------|
|                       | General/Combined                             | Blind  |
| 1.1 .....             | Equal or exceed previous performance period. | Same.  |
| 1.2 .....             | 55.8% .....                                  | 68.9%. |